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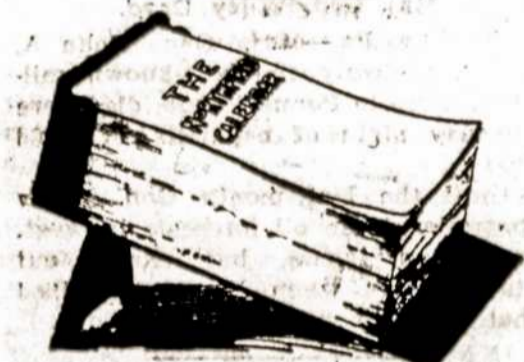
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NORTHFIELD

Schools reopen next Monday.
Howard Doane is in town with his
father.

The Eastern Star held an election of
officers on Wednesday night.

Will W. Slate has bought Wm.
Moore's place on Maple street.

Mrs. Myrtle Proctor and her daugh-
ter Julia have gone to make a visit in
Rowe.

James T. Cummings has taken out
an auctioneer's license, and is ready
for business.

Frank Richards of Orange visited
his grandmother, Mrs. Julia Proctor,
over Christmas.

There is an opening for a laundry
in Northfield now that Soo Wing's
place is closed.

Miss Madeline Eaman of Brush Val-
ley is home with her grandmother,
Mrs. Albert Stearns.

Albert Cummings has gone to Me-
tuchin, N. J., where he will attend a
school of stenography.

Mrs. Clarence Randall is visiting
her brother in Montague, but will be
back for her duties as librarian.

Dwight and Leon Alexander started
last Tuesday for Dover, Vt., with two
loads of the former's household goods.

Roy Chamberlain, Miss Ada Tufts,
Chas. O'Keefe, and James Quinlan
were home to spend Christmas with
their folks.

Paul H. Otis and sister, Miss Pearl
M. Otis, went to Boston to spend the
holidays visiting friends and relatives
in the vicinity.

Misses Ethel and Myrtle Dresser,
Carl Streeter and Mrs. Lucy J. Dresser
were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B.
Dresser for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lillie of Green-
field, and Miss Purple of West North-
field, were guests of Dr. and Mrs. New-
ton for Christmas day.

The Evans had a family gathering
at Harvey Evans' on Christmas day.

The Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary are
planning to give a supper and drama in
Sons of Veterans' hall, Jan. 7.

The surest way to get the news
straight is to send it direct to the
PRESS office by letter or phone. What-
ever is news belongs to the public.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Putnam, Mr. and
Mrs. Frank Washer and Mrs. Quinn
of Williamsville, Vt., were the Christ-
mas guests of Mr. and Mrs. George N.
Kidder.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Atwood enter-
tained 14 on Christmas day. Among
out-of-town guests were Mrs. Griswold
and family of Shelburne Falls, and
Pearl Fisher of Hinsdale.

Mrs. Dr. Newton wishes to thank the
friends who sent in presents for her
Christmas tree. About 30 children
were entertained. Every girl received
a doll, some candy, nuts, cake and an
orange.

Mrs. Eliza Banks has rented the
apartment now occupied by Mr. and
Mrs. Arthur Mason in the Webster
Block. Mr. and Mrs. Mason will move
Jan. 1st, to the north tenement in
Proctor Block.

Last Friday C. H. Webster, E. C.
Traver, A. L. Newton, Frank Aldrich
and Mr. Ball attended the meeting of
the Orange commandery of the
Knight Templars. Charles and Ralph
Leach of the Farms received the de-
gree of the Royal Arch.

Mrs. N. F. Alexander has received
word from her daughter, Mrs. Minnie
Paquette, whose home is in Rivera,
southern California, that the cold out
there is more severe than ever be-
fore. A fig tree in her yard has lost
all its leaves, and the pump in the
yard had to be thawed out.

The new rooms of the Northfield
Press are nearing completion. The
artistic shelving, finished in old green,
is the handiwork of Messrs. George
Holton and J. T. Cummings, and has
elicited a good many compliments. On
the north side of the front room will
be located the real estate office of El-
liot W. Brown.

Arthur W. Proctor disinfected Simon
Fisher's house last Friday, after a case
of diphtheria. It is supposed that he
was overcome with the fumes, as he
became unconscious on his way home.
The horse found its way home, but in
turning into the stable Mr. Proctor
was thrown out of the rig and sus-
tained some scratches and bruises on
his face and head. He is rapidly re-
covering.

Last Saturday evening an accident
occurred which might have resulted
more seriously. Dr. Philbrick while

returning to town from the late train
at South Vernon was struck near the
west approach to the Schell Bridge by
an automobile coming from behind.
His carriage was overturned and badly
wrecked. The horse was thrown
down and imprisoned under the fence,
but escaped with a few scratches. The
driver of the auto atoned for his care-
lessness by giving all possible assist-
ance.

There was a very pleasant gathering
of about 25 at Wm. B. Dresser's last
Saturday evening for a well laden
Christmas tree for the children. The
exercises were: Song, "Holy Night,"
by the children; recitation, Lena
Dresser; recitation, Beatrice Koonz;
song, by the little ones, "Everybody's
Soundly Sleeping"; recitation, Edith
Clark; recitation, "Little Santa," Dan-
iel Koonz; recitation, Ray Smith, A
Christmas exercise by six children.
After Santa Claus had distributed his
presents refreshments were served.

REV. J. S. NELLIGAN'S JUBILEE.

The 25th anniversary of the ordin-
ation of Rev. John S. Nelligan of St.
John's church at Millers Falls and al-
so of St. Patrick's in this town, was
observed last Monday. He was or-
dained a priest at the Sacred Heart
church in Holyoke by the late Bishop
P. T. O'Reilly of Springfield. He was
born at Pittsfield in 1859, attended the
public schools and afterward entered
St. Charles College at Baltimore, Md.
There he spent five years, and was
graduated with honors in June, 1880.
Having decided to devote his life to
the ministry he entered in the fol-
lowing September St. Joseph's Sem-
inary, Troy, N. Y. There he devoted
four and one-half years to the study
of philosophy and theology and was
ordained December 27, 1884.

His first appointment was to assist
Rev. J. M. Kremmen of Southbridge.
On the death of Rev. J. M. Kremmen
he was sent to Immaculate Conception
church, Worcester. Afterward he
served in Clinton and Monson. When
the church of St. John at Millers Falls
was completed in June, 1898, he was
selected as the first resident pastor,
and has since labored there. He is
beloved by his people and by the
townspeople in general. After reduc-
ing the debt on the church, he built a
beautiful parochial residence, and has
made many improvements in the prop-
erty, and, thanks to the generosity of
the people, there is very little debt on
the property now.

He received many useful and val-
uable presents on Monday. Among
these were a full supply of altar lin-
ens from the sisters of St. Joseph of
Springfield, a beautiful preaching
stole, a gold chalice from relatives,
and many other gifts which will be
cherished through life. Many of his
brother priests called to offer con-
gratulations.—Springfield Republicans.

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

The Village Improvement Society
received a handsome Christmas gift
the other day when Warren J. Wright,
executor of the estates of Mary A. and
Eliza Belcher sent Chas. H. Webster,
treasurer, a check for \$2,120. Under
the terms of the bequest the interest
on the principal, \$2,000, must "be used
yearly, particularly in caring for the
trees."

The Misses Belcher have set our
townspeople a noble example in the
direction of useful public benefactions.

GRANGE ELECTION.

At the annual election of the Grange
held on Tuesday night the following
officers were elected:

Master, T. R. Callender; lecturer,
Mrs. L. O. Clapp; overseer, W. A.
Priest; steward, L. O. Clapp; assist-
ant steward, F. Estabrook; secretary,
Mrs. T. R. Callender; treasurer, Mrs.
W. A. Priest; Pomona, Mrs. H. H.
Chamberlain; Ceres, Miss Sarah
Minot; Flora, Mrs. Henry Mason;
chaplain, Mrs. Merrill Moore; gate
keeper, Chas. M. Mattoon.

A special meeting for working de-
grees will be held next week.

The program for next year will be
issued in a couple of weeks.

When a woman goes to call on an-
other to see how well the baby is do-
ing, it's a sign she really came to tell
her something she heard somebody
say about her.—New York Press.

NOTED TEA DRINKERS.

Johnson Heads List with Capacity of
Twenty-five Cups.

Napoleon, like Johnson, was a hard-
ened tea drinker, and so, a century
later, was Mr. Gladstone, who con-
fessed "he drank more tea between
midnight and 4 o'clock in the morning
than any other member of the House
of Commons, and that the strongest
brew of it never interfered with his
sleep."

The dish of tea was one of the most
important factors in Johnson's life.
Proficiency in the gentle art of tea
brewing was regarded by him as an es-
sential attribute of the perfect woman,
and there can be no doubt that his fe-
male friends (and their name was
legion) did their best to gratify his
amiable weakness.

Richard Cumberland tells us that
his inordinate demands for his favor-
ite beverage were occasionally dif-
ficult to comply with. On Sir Joshua
Reynolds reminding him that he had
already consumed eleven cups he re-
plied: "Sir, I did not count your
glasses of wine; why should you num-
ber my cups of tea?" adding laugh-
ingly and in perfect good humor; "Sir,
I should have released our hostess
from any further trouble, but you have
reminded me that I want one more
cup to make up the dozen, and I must
request Mrs. Cumberland to round up
my score."

When he saw the complacency with
which the lady of the house obeyed
his behests he said cheerily: "Madam,
I must tell you, for your comfort, you
have escaped much better than a cer-
tain lady did a while ago, upon whose
patience I intruded greatly more than
I have yours. She asked me for no
other purpose than to make a zany of
me and set me gabbling to a parcel
of people I knew nothing of; so, mad-
am, I had my revenge on her, for I
swallowed five and twenty cups of her
tea."

Cumberland declared that his wife
would gladly have made tea for John-
son "as long as the New River could
have supplied her with water," for it
was then, and then only, he was seen
at his happiest moments.

On his Scottish tour his inexorable
demands for tea, sorely tried the pa-
tience of Lady Macleod of Dunvegan,
who after giving him his sixteenth
cup suggested that further supplies
in a small basin might be agreeable
to him.

"I wonder, madam," he answered
roughly, "why all the ladies ask me
such questions. It is to save your-
self trouble, madam, and not me."

The lady was discreetly silent, and
resumed her task.—Gentlewoman.

ELECTRICITY FROM SUN.

Current Obtained During Day is
Stored for Night Use.

That he has successfully solved the
problem of storing up the sun's rays
and converting them into electrical
energy is the claim made by a Boston
inventor, says the New-York Herald.

He is George S. Cove, and he dem-
onstrates the success of his invention
by lighting his workshop, at 486 Somer-
ville avenue, Somerville, with electric-
ity generated from a simple apparatus
on the roof.

Cove's invention will be known as
the "solar electric generator," and he
says it can be built at a cost of \$100
each. It consists of a framework to
be placed in an opening where it will
receive the direct rays of the sun.
Short plugs of a metal composition are
set into this frame. There are 976
plugs. Filled in around these plugs is
a body of heat-absorbing material. The
difference of the temperature of the
two ends of the metal plugs, one be-
ing in the sun, the other in the open
with a circulation of air around it, gen-
erates the current of electricity.

If the sun goes under a cloud an
automatic cutoff breaks the circuit
between the generator and the bat-
teries. When the sun sets at night
it automatically shuts off the storage
batteries and begins again in the
morning. This machine generates
throughout a day of sunshine enough elec-
tricity to light five lights of 20 candle-
power each, to last from three to four
days of continuous lighting.

Walnuts Growing on Oak Trees.
State Superintendent of Public In-
struction Edward Hyatt returned to-
day from San Andreas, Calaveras
county, where he found walnuts grow-
ing on oak trees.

The experiment is being conducted
successfully by E. M. Price, who has
a large number of new species about
his home. The nuts, according to Hy-
att, grow about three times as large as
the ones in the markets. The product
is the result of considerably experi-
menting. The grafting is done by cut-
ting the limbs of walnut trees and
grafting them into stocky oaks.—Sac-
ramento correspondence San Francis-
co Chronicle.

WRECK LOCATED

Hull of Big Schooner Found on Shoals

Being at the Entrance to Boston Harbor the Foundered Vessel Is a Dangerous Derelict, Being Nearly Run Down by the Steamer Belfast, Which Was the First to Report Her Position—Sailors May Be Lashed in Rigging.

Boston.—The wreck of the schooner Davis Palmer, which went to destruction in the Christmas blizzard with the loss of 12 lives, was located early Tuesday at the entrance to Broad sound channel, bearing out the theory that she struck on shoal ground while trying to run through the sound, probably following the parting of her anchor chains.

Definite information regarding the position of the wreck was brought in by Capt. Frank Brown of the steamer Belfast, which arrived early from Wintertown.

The Belfast was coming through Broad sound at a fast clip and narrowly escaped crashing into the foundered vessel. Had she not been a little to the northward of her usual course in order to pick up the range lights on Lovells island she would probably have struck the wreck, with disastrous results.

Capt. Brown said:

"We were heading for Broad sound at 5 o'clock in the morning on our regular run from the eastward. The weather was somewhat smoky, and I stood over to the northward of the channel in order to catch sight of the range lights on Lovells island.

"When we were about a mile north of Commissioners ledge, just outside Devils back buoy, at the entrance to Broad sound, the five masts of a sunken vessel were made out. She was lying over on her side, with the hull entirely submerged and the mast heads sticking out of water from six to eight feet.

"Long island head bore southwest three-quarters west, and the Graves light southeast.

"I immediately ordered the engines stopped, but the steamer did not come to a full stop. The searchlight was directed on the wreck and the masts could be made out very distinctly. No other wreckage was visible, nor were any bodies seen. The bowsprit was not sticking out of water, which would indicate that it was broken off."

Capt. Brown said that the wreck constitutes a dangerous obstruction. In thick weather a vessel might strike the wreck and rip her bottom out.

Capt. Kemp, of the tug Ariel, also sighted a wreck, which is believed to be the Palmer, although he only reported three masts visible. It is possible that it may be some other wreck.

He said that he saw three topmasts a mile and a half from the gas buoy on the Graves. They were the topmasts of a large schooner. On two of the masts were gift balls, and the top of the other mast was broken off. Capt. Kemp also saw gaffs, booms and other wreckage attached to the wreck.

In the afternoon the tug Vesta went alongside the sunken craft. Capt. Foote reported that only four of the masts were then standing. He gave the position of the sunken vessel as 1 1/2 miles northeast from Faun bar bell buoy. He sounded around the wreck and found nine fathoms of water.

Another tug which was in the vicinity of the wreck said that some of the Portuguese fishing vessels were nearby and the fishermen were taking the gift balls from the topmasts.

Search was made by the harbor police of the nearby islands for the bodies of the victims of the disaster, but without result.

Madison Square Garden Doomed.

New York, N. Y.—Madison Square Garden, designed by Stanford White and erected at a cost of \$3,000,000, has been sold to a real estate syndicate and will be replaced by a modern office building, according to a report in realty circles. The property has been on the market some time at \$3,000,000.

Demolition of the Madison Square Garden would mean a serious loss to the sport-loving people. In it are held each year great indoor athletic meets, bicycle races, wrestling matches, the national horse show, the dog and poultry show, not to mention big political meetings, the circus and the like. As an investment the garden has not proved profitable.

Question of Cost of Living.

New York.—Referring to the likelihood of the eastern railroad employees demanding an increase in wages, Pres. W. C. Brown of the New York Central is quoted as saying:

"There is no disposition on the part of the railroads to deal unreasonably with their employees. The whole matter hinges on whether there has been since the last increase in wages a material increase in the cost of living."

The Special Message.

Washington.—President Taft discussed with members of his cabinet the final details of the special message he will send to congress next week dealing with proposed amendments to the interstate commerce and Sherman anti-trust laws, and then began work on the document.

At one time it was thought that the President might, in this, the first of his series of special messages to congress, deal only with the interstate commerce act, leaving his proposed discussion of the antitrust law to some future date. He has decided, however, that as the two subjects are so closely related he will make his recommendations for changes in the two acts in one communication to the senate and house.

In this message he also will submit his recommendations for the issue of federal licenses to corporations. The proposed license will be a voluntary one, to be taken advantage of by such corporations as desire to place themselves under federal jurisdiction, or left alone, as the directors of the corporations see fit.

There has been a disposition among some of the leaders of the senate and house in the past two days to urge the President not to send in his antitrust message just now. They agreed that pending a decision in the Standard oil case on proceedings brought under the Sherman act, the President, in recommending changes in the statutes, might be put by his political opponents in the light of granting a respite or a favor to the corporations, especially in regard to federal charters or licenses.

The President's message will be ready for reading in the two houses of congress on Wednesday, Jan. 5. Congress reassembles Jan. 4, but will immediately adjourn out of respect to the late Senator McLaurin of Mississippi. The message undoubtedly will be listened to with far greater interest than was the regular message, read at the opening of the session.

General Strike Possible.

St. Paul.—So far as can be learned the switchmen's strike in the northwest is awaiting the action of H. B. Perham, who is on his way to Washington to try to procure federal intervention in the controversy between the railroads and the switchmen.

On the outcome of Mr. Perham's mission as chairman of the railway branch of the American Federation of Labor will depend the future action of the allied bodies relative to a possible general strike of railroad employees affiliated with the federation.

It could not be ascertained whether the allied orders have voted on the question of a general strike. Pres. F. T. Hawley of the switchmen's union of North America would say nothing when the question was put to him, and Vice Pres. Harshbarger said he could neither affirm nor deny the report that the unions are ready to strike on short notice.

It has been said by Mr. Perham that some of the unions are ready to go out any time. These are presumably railway clerks, freight handlers and maintenance of way employees. Mr. Harshbarger said: "There are influences at work in St. Paul and in Washington that may result in the termination of the strike in a very short time."

Theft of Wireless Plans.

London.—The wholesale theft of wireless plans and sketches, which in the hands of an expert would reveal all the workings and innermost secrets of the wireless service of the British navy, is charged against Richard Knowlden, who has been placed on trial at Portsmouth. Knowlden is a draftsman attached to the torpedo school ship Vernon. In his room were found no less than 80 plans for wireless improvements and certain books of the most confidential character which were issued to officers only.

The authorities attach the greatest importance to the arrest of the man, as they contend that if the documents abstracted from Vernon had reached foreign governments, all the labor of recent years given to the perfection of a wireless system for the British navy would have been rendered practically fruitless.

Another Blizzard.

New York.—With 15 dead in and about New York as the result of the most severe December snowstorm that has swept over the East in 19 years, street car lines blocked, telegraph wires down, and trains stalled, another blizzard is on the way.

From far Manitoba, one of the coldest spots within civilization, a second storm is on the way, and will be upon the already frozen East within a few hours, according to the local weather bureau.

Convention of Business Colleges.

Louisville, Ky.—Five hundred delegates, representing the various business colleges and commercial departments of collegiate institutions of the United States have assembled here for a three days' session. The object of the gathering is to promote closer relations, standardize entrance and general education requirements, etc.

CONDENSED NEWS
OF THE ENTIRE WEEK

THURSDAY, December 23, 1909.

Leominster, Mass., town hall burned; other buildings barely saved; loss \$150,000.

Mysterious airship seen at Marlboro, Mass., and twice in Worcester, where it sails in circle above the city.

Death of Timothy P. Sullivan of New York, the "Little Tim" of the Bowery.

Three men burned to death in stable fire at Gloversville, N. Y.

Defeat at Rama thought to have wiped out Zelaya's strength in all eastern Nicaragua; Gen. Gonzales reported captured.

U. S. Senator A. J. McLaurin of Mississippi dead.

Three Wardlaw sisters are charged with the murder of Okey Snead.

President Lynch of the National league starts thorough inquiry into troubles that umpires have.

Pilgrim publicity association discusses methods of advertising New England.

Vermont granite cutters will probably go to work Monday with all trouble settled.

Gov. Hoggatt of Alaska urges that the coal mines of the territory be developed.

Boston to be made a port of call in line to South America.

Knights of Modern Chivalry, an assessment organization, placed in the hands of Supt. of Insurance Hotchkiss of New York.

Registration for Boston city election ends with 112,675 names on list.

Last of the strike breakers discharged at Ludlow, Mass., and Polish families are returning to mills and tenements.

Loeb says "sleeper trunk" smuggling conspiracy was countrywide.

FRIDAY, December 24, 1909.

Mysterious airship, which is probably the planet Venus, reported again—made out by its light at Worcester, Marlboro, Maynard, Leominster and Fitchburg; Boston and Cambridge join in reporting the mysterious monarch of the air and Revere positive it even saw its wings.

Mayor Hibbard of Boston announces intention to remove Commissioner Skinner and Deputy Carruth of penal institutions.

Mrs. Lizzie Kenny suffocated at her home in West Somerville, Mass.

Henry A. Johnson, Harvard '44, passes away after illness of one day.

Vreeland's committee prepares to consider MacVeagh's plan to tax bank circulation.

Prince Albert crowned king of Belgium; court decision in favor of Baroness Vaughan.

Sec. Knox warns Pres. Madrid of Nicaragua that Americans must be protected and gives encouragement to revolutionists by ordering supplies for sick and wounded at Bluefields.

William H. Hickey, a Boston contractor, has liabilities of \$137,406; assets \$30.

Members of National geographic society condemn Admiral Schley's demand that Peary's papers be sent to Copenhagen.

Mark Twain denies the charge that he is dying; he wouldn't do such a thing at his time of life.

Ex-Gov. Guild of Massachusetts declares flatly in favor of a national divorce law and national control of corporations.

Battleship Utah, said to be the biggest in the world, launched at Camden, N. J.

American explorers return from Tiburon island, gulf California.

SATURDAY, December 25, 1909.

Ferryboat Dartmouth and steamer Massachusetts have narrow escape from collision in Boston harbor.

Coast missionary MacDonald carried Christmas cheer to Maine's rocky islands.

Explorers' club of New York expels Dr. Cook; says he did not ascend Mt. McKinley; he is said to have sailed for Australia.

Dixon pencil plant burned at Crystal River, Fla.

Five thought killed and 17 injured by explosion at Shawnee, Ok.

Gov. Spry of Utah says Jeffries and Johnson will not be allowed to fight in that state.

Huge pie sent to White House by bakers of Jersey City and New York.

Edward Payson Weston plans to walk across continent again.

New duty ordered on dried cod to offset the French bounty may cause sharp rise in price.

President Taft goes on 11th-hour shopping tour in Washington.

Thousands of dollars of damages done by breaking of large water main in Cambridge, Mass.

Many in Boston and elsewhere fill the street mistaking the stars Castor and Pollux for an airship.

MONDAY, December 27, 1909.

Twenty-five hundred driven from their homes and two are drowned in flood that sweeps portions of Chelsea and Everett, Mass.

Blizzard and accompanying tide does heavy damage in and around Boston.

Capt. John W. Small and nine members of the crew of the Boston schooner Nantasket, ashore at Sand Hills beach, Scituate, taken off by crew of Massachusetts humane society.

Plymouth has its worst gale since the big storm of 1898; fear that lives have been lost in lower harbor.

Revere suffers heavily from the tide; 100 families marooned when water surrounds their homes.

Floods in South Boston; no such high tide ever before known there.

Shipping in grasp of worst storm in 11 years and much damage is feared.

Twenty-seven men rescued from the wrecked steamer Thurman at Toms River, N. J.

All east under storm embargo; Philadelphia has 22.8 inches of snow, its greatest record; blizzard zone reaches Virginia on south and Indiana on west.

Annual report of the postmaster-general just issued.

Admiral Dewey 72 years old.

One dozen small fires, believed to be incendiary, discovered in house, Claremont park, Boston.

Riley building burned at Pittsfield, Mass., entailing damage of \$90,000 to \$100,000, divided among 12 tenants.

Bob Fitzsimmons knocked out in bout with Bill Lang, Australian heavyweight champion, at Sidney, N. S. W.

State Health Inspector Linenthal reports on tenement workshops in Boston.

Daniel Blake Russell, famous will claimant, arrested by police of Boston.

TUESDAY, December 28, 1909.

Schooner Davis Palmer lost, with 12 men, at entrance of Boston harbor.

Contract for repairing tide dike at Chelsea, Mass., is awarded; relief work well in hand.

Cars from Taunton to Brockton, Mass., stalled in snow drifts and women and babies are 24 hours without food.

High tides of Sunday and yesterday do heavy damage on Boston's water front.

Society for advancement of science opens 61st convention.

Northwestern switchmen decline on the spot railroad's offer to end strike and danger of general trouble again looms up.

Mayor Hibbard of Boston, Mass., attacked in testimony by Herbert E. Carruth before finance commission.

Boston to have largest vaudeville theatre in the United States.

V. Gould Brokaw, under cross-examination, denies he has made overtures for reconciliation with his wife.

Danes say Cook's narrative of polar trip supports Capt. Loos's claim as to its fabrication.

Gifford Pinchot addresses publishers at New York.

Aldermen set aside \$60,000 from Parkman income for Boston common.

Rise of Rock Island common in New York of 31.4 points, with a sudden relapse to the opening price, causes the governors of the stock exchange to start an investigation.

Zelaya lands on Mexican soil, charges Secretary Knox with acting against him on false information and defends his execution of Cannon and Groce.

Joseph de Costo, an oiler, killed in a stabbing affair on the steamship Esparita.

WEDNESDAY, December 29, 1909.

The wreck of the schooner Davis Palmer is located near entrance of Broad sound, Boston harbor.

Chelsea armory is still the shelter of 125 flood refugees.

Homer C. Davenport, the cartoonist, critically ill in San Francisco.

Death at Atlantic City, N. J., of Arthur Gilman, who founded Radcliffe college.

Fire in B. & M. freight shed in Lynn, Mass., causes \$10,000 loss; thieves attempt to steal packages.

At least 40 percent of public's money is wasted in graft, says Justice Howard of New York.

Madison Square Garden in New York to be replaced by modern office building.

Mrs. S. L. Dickinson carries heavy mail pouch at New Braintree three miles on foot through deep snow.

Storm seriously interrupted work of raising U. S. cruiser Yankee.

American association for the advancement of science has a busy second convention day in Boston.

People generally so busy census bureau has trouble getting enumerators needed for work.

Hogs bring \$8.60 at Kansas City, highest price since 1882.

AN AGE OF GRAFT.

A New York Judge Declares That Public Money Is Wasted.

Troy, N. Y.—"The age of patriotism has yielded to the age of commercialism. Uppermost in the human mind today is not the Stars and Stripes, but the dollar mark."

Such was the declaration of Supreme Court Justice Wesley O. Howard in an opinion fixing the compensation of the members of a commission appointed by him to appraise damages to property resulting from the construction of the Ashokan reservoir in Ulster county to furnish a water supply for New York city.

Justice Howard reduced the compensation of the commissioners from \$3650 each to \$2200, and then touched upon the subject of graft.

"It is greatly to be regretted," he said, "that no public enterprise can be projected and consummated without this appalling loss called 'graft.' Graft is not necessarily an illegal expenditure of money; but it is that unnecessary wasteful use which characterizes the construction of every public venture.

"At least 40 percent of all the money appropriated for public use is lost in graft. All things could be possible if this frightful leak could be stopped—roads, canals, libraries, asylums and hospitals—all these could be built out of graft, could it only be saved.

"I do not believe that any particular individual or class of individuals is responsible. Graft is a product of our times and institutions. It is the people who are responsible, for they seem to have lost, or to believe that they have lost, their title to integrity.

"They expect graft, and even spoil and booty, to deplete their resources whenever any great undertaking is ventured by them, and they look with complacency and toleration and indifference at ravages upon their property.

"Graft is as much an element to be reckoned with in computing the cost of a public structure as is cement or lumber. It has come to be a matter of course—this rakeoff—a loss recognized by all who make estimates of cost in such cases.

"Figure out what a private corporation like a railroad can construct a public undertaking for, then add 40 percent for graft and you have the cost of the enterprise. A public structure built honestly would be a freak."

Justice Howard declares that the whole project of the condemnation of land in the Ashokan valley is characterized by waste, disorder and confusion. There is no system and no plan for doing anything. Nobody seems to be in charge of the matter and the result is an endless muddle and mixup.

President Gives Up His Trip.

Washington.—President Taft could get no assurances from the railroad companies Monday that they could land him in New York in time to deliver his speech before the American historical society in Carnegie hall, so he abandoned the trip.

He spent the day at the White House and had a series of impromptu conferences with visitors who happened in. During the afternoon he took a walk through the snow on the Potomac flats accompanied by his secret service men.

Mr. Taft will go to New York Thursday morning to be present at the wedding of his niece. He will be the guest of his brother, Henry W. Taft, and will return to Washington Friday morning.

Maj. Gen. Wiley Dead.

Franklin, Pa.—Maj. Gen. John A. Wiley, probably the best-known military figure in Pennsylvania, died here Tuesday night of nephritis, aged 66 years.

Until the last month Gen. Wiley controlled large oil interests in western Pennsylvania, but closed out his holdings when he was advised that his ailment was incurable.

Girl Strikers Refuse.

New York, N. Y.—The striking girl shirtwaist makers have voted to refuse the settlement offered by the manufacturers and declared their intention to continue the strike until all of their demands are granted. The employers offered a compromise last week and their proposition was voted upon by the many thousands of young women strikers.

Ballet Girls' Strike Ends.

Paris.—A brief strike of the dancers in the opera-ballet has been ended by the promise of the directors to meet the majority of the claims set up by the women, who say that they receive only from \$20 to \$25 a month—"just" enough to buy our shoes," they add.

Maine Schooner Sunk.

Ellsworth, Me.—While in winter quarters at East Surry the 45-ton schooner Maud, owned by Capt. Adolph Curtis of Surry, sprang a leak in the gale and sank. She lies on her side in three fathoms of water. No attempt will be made to raise her this winter.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

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Thursdays, 8 p. m.

St. Patrick's Parish.
Main street.
Rev. J. S. Nelligan, pastor.
Services every alternate
Sunday at 8.30 a. m.

CHURCH NEWS:

Items for this column should be sent to the editor before Tuesday noon.

The communion of the Lord's Supper will be held at the Congregational church next Sunday.

Twenty-two were present at the morning service at the Congregational church, but there was no evening service.

Prayer meeting at the North church was transferred from last night to tonight at 8 p. m., when the gathering will be of a watch night character.

The women of the Unitarian Sewing Society have been invited to hold their next meeting with Mrs. Fred Allen on Thursday, Dec. 30. The dinner will be provided in the usual way.

Mrs. Mary P. Wells Smith of Greenfield will address the ladies of the Alliance at the Unitarian church parlors at the next meeting at 2 p. m., on January 5.

The blizzard last Sunday interfered with the church services. No service was held at the Unitarian church, the program being postponed till next Sunday, when Mr. Birks will preach.

Good weather drew a large attendance at the Sunday school Christmas gatherings in the churches. The programs were well enjoyed, great credit being due the young people for the singing and recitations.

The Week of Prayer will be observed at the Congregational church by special meetings, Tuesday to Friday nights, inclusive, at 7.30 in the vestry. The topics suggested by the Evangelical Alliance will be followed.

The January meeting of the Women's Missionary Society will be held at the home of Mrs. W. H. Waite on Wednesday afternoon, January 5. The subject being "Gospel Work in Portugal and Spain." Mr. George R. Witte has been requested to give his impressions of those countries to which he made an extended visit some years ago.

The Christmas music prepared for the Unitarian service last Sunday morning will be given next Sunday, as follows: Anthem, by choir, "Songs of Praise" (Hosmer) Solo, by Miss Emma Alexander, with chorus by choir, "O Little Babe of Bethlehem" (Stults); Solo, by B. F. Field, "The Glad New Song," (Gardner and Greeley). J. W. Field will accompany the organ with his cornet.

AROUND THE HUB

(Special Correspondence.)

Tug Boats Queer Craft.

Steam tugs are as widely known locally for their eccentricities as are men who make a living along the water front. This city has between 75 and 100 tugs in active service, and each shows traits, whether good, bad or indifferent. In some the captains find things unhandy at the pilot house end and the engineer in another will growl at the steaming qualities of the boiler, pitch of propeller or power developed by the engine. Rest assured, there has never been built a perfect tug from every view point.

Harbor tugs should not be blamed if they become exhausted and seek a rest cure. Some ought to be candidates for a marine hospital, judging from the amount of work they perform day after day and year after year. Crews get rest at intervals, but the boats are almost continually under steam. Boston has a busy harbor, where shipping has to be moved frequently with assistance of tugs. On a day when six or seven transatlantic liners put in an appearance in procession these tugs are in such demand to facilitate docking that late comers among the steamships are apt to wait till they can secure enough of the little fellows to place them alongside piers without risk of damage, for a big ocean vessel is unwieldy in a narrow harbor, and powerless to turn herself around without a push and a shove as circumstances may require.

Handsome Gift to Library.

The Boston public library has just received another handsome gift from Allen A. Brown, who presented to the

city in 1894 his extensive and valuable musical library, to which he has been adding constantly since that time.

His present gift is a sense supplement the first one. It consists of his entire collection of 3500 volumes relating to the drama and the stage, and is the largest and most notable gift the public library has received during the year. Other gifts of note were the collection of first editions of American and English authors, by the executors of the late Louise Chandler Moulton, and a collection of cook books left by will of the late Maria Parloa.

The present gift of books relating to the stage is probably the most extensive and the most complete of any in this country at least, and in some respects it is more complete than any other known collection. The collection is almost complete in its history of the English stage. Mr. Brown estimates that if he can secure about 200 more rare volumes the collection will be absolutely complete in this respect. These, however, are very difficult to find, but he will continue his search for them and will keep adding to the collection as he has to his gift of musical books.

Tunnel Information.

Patrons of the Washington street tunnel will find the elevated railway company's minute directions as to how to use that tunnel, to be of great value and a desirable manual to be retained for frequent consultation in the future.

The statement gives in a form that can be mastered almost at a glance a great variety of information, both for northbound and southbound trains, and in each case a long list of the best known business establishments nearest to each station, with the number of yards between each establishment and the station.

A certain method of identifying the stations from the train by means of the color of the wall signs, which are different at each station, is also furnished. Proper places of transfer from the tunnel to various suburban lines are plainly stated.

The whole scheme is still more graphically interpreted by means of a large accompanying map showing the entire tunnel and all stations, with exits and entrances at every station plainly indicated, also adjacent streets and several of the best known downtown landmarks. The map will be invaluable to all strangers visiting the city.

Schoolhouses in Bad Condition.

As the result of a public hearing held at the invitation of the school committee at its Mason street quarters recently, it was shown that a great many Boston school children are improperly housed and that a number of Boston schoolhouses are unsafe, unsanitary, overcrowded and in other ways antiquated to such an extent that they should be condemned.

More than a hundred masters of schools, heads of local improvement societies, representatives to the Legislature, parents, and other citizens representing nearly every school district in Boston were present at the hearing to which they were invited by the school committee perhaps largely as a result of Superintendent of Schools Brooks' recent report which showed Boston's schools to be greatly overcrowded. One speaker thought it would be necessary to go to the legislature for a \$10,000,000 appropriation for housing purposes this year instead of asking \$1,000,000.

Navy Chain Shop a Haven.

The chain shop at the local navy yard seems to be the haven for at least 20 former police officers. These men can be seen daily welding heavy chains for battleships or else engaged in similar arduous labor. It is probably the hardest work in the yard. During the course of the day many a tale is told of how officers are lured from the path of rectitude and discharged, only to find solace in other lines of employment. Only a few days ago a new acquisition entered the shop, and clad in his uniform trousers, helped to swell the ranks of those whose death knell had been sounded in the police department. Time and time again some of the erstwhile guardians of the peace relate sorrowful tales of how they were "broken."

A Unique Bridge Planned.

If the plans of Mayor Hibbard and City Engineer Jackson materialize the old Soldiers Field bridge near the Harvard Stadium will soon be torn down and in its place will be erected one of the finest and most unique bridges in the world.

It is proposed to construct the columns and entrances of the bridge as memorials of various Harvard classes, the expense to be defrayed by them.

It is planned to model the structure after the famous Alexander III. bridge that spans the Seine in Paris.

Some years ago Boston appropriated \$125,000 for its share of the new bridge and proposed a draw structure. Cambridge and Harvard officials, insisted on a drawless bridge.

The War Department would not permit the erection of a drawless bridge unless it be a high one. A high bridge, Harvard authorities de-

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clared, would dwarf the Harvard Stadium.

Now the Boston authorities believe that they have hit upon a bridge that will fill the bill and have submitted a proposition to the Harvard authorities to have a bare-outline structure built to demonstrate their condition.

Personal Property Increase.

The amount of personal property assessed this year in the entire state shows a gain of \$66,083,740 over last year. The valuation of buildings is increased by \$46,700,870 and land valuations have increased by \$24,935,718. These increases are shown in the annual report of the tax commissioner just issued.

The number of individuals assessed has increased in the whole state by 5787. There have also been substantial gains in non-residents assessed and in firms, partnerships and corporations.

There has been a decrease of \$936,818 in bank stock. There has been a general decrease in the tax rates of municipalities. The town of Merrimac has the highest tax rate of \$27, while the lowest tax rate is to be found in Gosnold and is \$2.42.

Beat New York.

After all of the big marine repair jobs in this port for years have gone to New York concerns because of lower bids submitted, a local firm threw a bombshell into the Gothamites by taking a \$10,000 job right out of their hands. The feat is all the more noteworthy in that the vessel was already in port at New York, and the contractors there thought it was all over but the opening of the bids. But it wasn't.

The craft that is the cause of it all is the big four-masted Boston schooner, Frontenac, that nearly went to destruction in the hurricane that tore up the Florida coast some weeks ago.

Chemistry Experts' Convention.

More than 500 leading authorities in chemistry from all parts of the country are expected to make the convention of the American Chemical Society, the most notable that the annals of the society has known.

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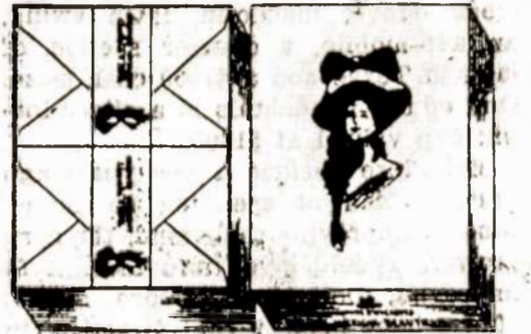
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SPECIAL DATES IN 1910.

Good Friday, March 25.
Easter Sunday, March 27.
Whit Sunday (Pentecost), May 15.

THE LITTLE HOME PAPER.

When the evening shades are falling
at the ending of the day,
And a fellow rests from labor, smok-
ing at his pipe o' clay,
There's nothing does him so much
good, be fortune up or down,
As the little country paper from the
old home town.

It ain't a thing o' beauty, and the print
ain't always clean,
But it straightens out his temper
when he's feelin' sort o' mean,
It takes the wrinkles off his face, and
brushes off the frown,
The little country paper from the old
home town.

It tells of balls and parties, huskin'
bees at Pumpkin Square,
Of births, and deaths, and weddings,
'mongst the people here and
there;
It tells about the circus, the elephant
and clown;
How I love this little paper from the
old home town!

I like to read the dailies, and the story
papers; too,
And at times the yaller journals, and
other trash don't you?
But when I want some readin' that'll
brush away the frown,
I want the little paper from the old
home town.

—Contributed.

The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago is planning for a special Summer Course in 1910 to meet the needs of pastors, evangelists, returned missionaries and public school teachers during their vacation season. The course will cover the English Bible, the art of preaching and teaching, Gospel music, and the defense of Christianity against modern attacks. Dr. James M. Gray, the dean, will be supported by the larger part of the faculty of the Institute, and several pastors and specialists of reputation selected from other institutions of the country.

The United States Postoffice department has notified the local office that subscribers on the rural free delivery routes may allow neighbors to use their boxes, even three or four families being allowed to use one box, through a representative of each family filling out proper forms, which may be secured of postmasters. Those addressing letters for delivery by the rural carriers are urged to include the carrier's number in the address, whenever possible, and to put in the lower left-hand corner of the face of the envelope the name of the former post-office, if discontinued, to which the mail of the addressee was formerly sent.

Through the board of trade of Hinsdale a successful effort has been made to get subscriptions to bring the Ellis Tool and Supply company of New Haven, Conn., to take a part of the plant of the Hinsdale Power and Mill company and to start in with the manufacture of screw drivers. The concern will employ at the start about 20 men. It is expected that the plant will be in operation, turning out the finished product, soon after Jan. 1. Nearly enough subscriptions have been received to bring the sum up to \$10,000, which was the amount necessary. The company has been organized as selling agents the past three years, having their products manufactured for them. They have worked up a business which warrants them in starting to manufacture the goods for themselves. They have connections with C. E. Jennings & Co., of New York city, whereby the Jennings company handles the product of the Ellis Tool and Supply company on a busi-

ness basis, thus requiring a very small expenditure in getting the product on the market. No doubt the business will increase almost from the start and work into other lines of small tools, but the company will first begin with the manufacture of screw drivers only.—Phoenix.

LAST CALL.

This is the last call for the 25 cent subscriptions. Renew at once. One dollar for 52 issues in 1910.

CORN KING OF WORLD.

Indiana Man Has Won Fame as Nation's Specialist in Corn Growing.

Near Whiteland, in Johnson county, Indiana, lives a farmer. His farm consists of 130 acres, and he gets up at 5 o'clock every morning and has holes in his overalls. His name is Leonard B. Clore. He is the corn king of the world. A dozen years ago Mr. Clore began to specialize in corn. Today he sets the world's pace in this cereal.

The Clore family very nearly keeps house with father's corn prizes. In the list is everything from a manure spreader to a piano, including watch, clock, stove, mandolin, lawn swing, an automobile, a quarter section of land in Texas and a \$1000 cash prize. One of the incidentals is a silver loving cup valued at \$1000.

Mr. Clore decided a few years ago that, instead of spending so much time in improving their land, the corn growers should give more thought to improving their breed of corn. All his efforts have been in that direction. In a specially built barn he germinates the corn in boxes of earth kept at the right temperature in early spring by gasoline stoves. Thus he knows before planting what percentage of the grains will germinate. Two ears of corn may look alike, but the vitality of one may be much higher than that of the other.

Mr. Clore is also a judge of what it takes to make a perfect ear; selecting the best ears each fall and planting the hardest grains in the spring, he has in a great way eliminated chance in corn growing. He raises from 80 to 100 bushels of corn per acre. The average this year is 90 bushels. This is about 20 bushels more than before he began his experiments, but, in addition, the quality of his corn has greatly improved. What he has done for Indiana, where his methods are followed, may be seen by the fact that the average yield for the past 10 years is 35 bushels, while over the corn belt of the United States for the same period it is only 25. Experiment stations all over the United States are sending to him for his high-bred seed corn and are using his methods of breeding and planting. The czar has offered him a position in the Russian department of agriculture.—Hampton's Magazine.

His Last Joke.

The following incident occurred at a Liverpool bar the other night: There were three men standing at the bar, when a peddler entered and called for a drink. The manager was just leaving the premises at the time, but, spotting the peddler, he whispered to the other customers that he would play a trick on him by giving him a bad two-shilling piece.

Going up to his victim, he purchased a knife. "Oh, never mind the change. I'm in a hurry," he said, as he rushed out of the bar.

The peddler scrutinized the coin, and, with a merry twinkle in his eye, ordered drinks all round. The manager's wife supplied the refreshments called for, and, taking the bad two-shilling piece, handed over the change. The peddler then departed. Two minutes afterward back came the manager to see how his little trick had worked.

He never played any more tricks after that one.—London Paper.

Girls in the Corn Field.

Farmer girls saved the day for the farmers in the Godfrey district by working in the fields as farmhands and assisting in getting the corn from the shocks in the fields.

Charles Bockholtz's wife and five daughters have so aided the farmers when they were short of work that the farmers admit they have saved much of their crop of corn. All these young ladies can husk and throw corn with the ease of a man.—Alton correspondence St. Louis Republic.

A patent on a horseshoe designed to prevent the stumbling of horses was granted in Panama four years ago.

The owners of a St. Abbs fishing boat have made the important discovery that a net dyed as near ly as possible the hue of the sea, instead of the traditional brown, yields much larger results in the matter of fish catch. The discovery was put to the test recently when, out of a fleet of sixty-five boats, the boat with its nets dyed blue made far and away the largest catch. The dye used is bluestone. The discovery has aroused much interest among the fishermen.

SAYS WOOD PULP IS NEARLY GONE.

Canadian Authority Declares United States Will Exhaust Her Supply in Ten Years.

"Within ten years the United States will have exhausted her supply of timber available for pulp from which to manufacture paper, and in that extremity her closest point of relief will be Canada, which now stands ready to supply the world for all time to come," said Arthur E. Millington, of Espanola, Canada, general manager of the Spanish River Pulp and Paper Company, in Denver recently. Mr. Millington's firm has the largest ground wood mill in the world.

"At present all our manufactured products come to the United States," continued Mr. Millington, "but this will change if President Taft enforces the new tariff regulation passed by Congress. The present duty on our paper sent into the United States is \$1.67 a ton, and to this the revised tariff bill adds twenty-five per cent. ad valorem, which means an additional \$5, making the entire duty \$6.67. The result would be to drive us out of this territory, and we would have to market our product in England, France, Japan, Australia and other distant places.

"The United States will exhaust its spruce supply for pulp in about ten years, figuring at the present rate of consumption. There is considerable hemlock in addition to this, but it will only answer for certain grades of paper.

"When the present pulp supply is gone there is nothing so far discovered which will do for a substitute, so Canada naturally seems to be the place to which the United States will look for her paper. Experiments with every supposed substitute for pulp have been failures. Yet in the face of these facts the United States increases the tariff on paper and prevents Canada from entering the field as a competitor."

WISE WORDS.

In prosperity no altars smoke.—Italian.

Bad beginnings have bad endings.—Terence.

Never praise a ford until you are over.—Danish.

A fresh young man is apt to spoil early in life.—Denver Times.

He who has no prejudices is a bad man.—Christian Register.

Fame is the reward some men get for dying.—Florida Times-Union.

Better slip with the foot than with the tongue.—Italian.

He who commits no crime requires no law.—Antiphones.

He lives in fame that dies in virtue's cause.—Shakespeare.

The fowler spreadeth not his net in sight of the bird.—Bible.

The countenance is the portrait and picture of the mind.—Cicero.

That sick man is not pitted who has his cure in his sleeve.—Spanish.

The temper is then ever highest when we think him furthest off.—Old Divine.

I said, Days should speak, and multitude of years should teach wisdom.—Job xxxi, 7.

It requires little exertion upon our part to bring misfortune upon ourselves.—Menander.

Many a girl has been disappointed, in love who would have been wrecked by marriage.—Dallas News.

Happiness is the shadow of contentment, and rests or moves forever with the original.—Home Notes.

The reason a man will give his seat to a pretty girl in a street car is he won't to an old woman.—New York Press.

There's nothing makes a man yield to your influence so easily as to tell him what a strong will he has.—New York Press.

Sir-Montaigne says: "I look upon the too-good opinion that man has of himself to be the nursing mother of all the false opinions, both public and private."

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The convicts of England wear prison clothes marked with a broad arrow. The origin and meaning of this mark has never been satisfactorily explained.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

The Greenfield Score Card Poetry Club has mailed the premium lists for the annual exhibition in Washington Hall, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 2, 3 and 4. D. E. Tasker of Brattleboro, Vt., will act as Judge. A good list of premiums is offered.

One otter, nine mink, 12 coons, 20 foxes, 100 muskrats, 235 skunks. This is the list of wild animals that Frank O. Scott, and his two sons, Leon and George, have caught during the past two months. Their skins have been sold, bringing \$604.30 to the trappers and supplying the raw material for a great many Christmas presents. Mr. Scott is a farmer and stock raiser of this town, and only devotes his spare time to hunting and trapping. —Whately correspondent, Gazette and Courier.

Not since before the recent panic were the shops at Orange as busy as at the present time, and instead of a January shutdown, as has been usual many years, to take stock, there will be no let-up this year. The New Home Sewing-machine company has been drawing on stored machines for the past three months, and last month more than double the number of machines were sold than were made with full time and full help. Large foreign orders are beginning to return after the hard times in Europe.

The Christmas business at the Greenfield postoffice this year passed all former records. The office was almost swamped with the number of postcards handled. The substitute clerks and carriers worked full time, and Friday and Saturday four wagons were used in making deliveries. The express company was driven as never before in the holiday season, and had four extra men with teams working from 6 in the morning till late at night making deliveries. The merchants have had a fine holiday trade.

The Connecticut Valley Street Railway has filed at the State House in Boston a petition asking for a location upon the Mount Sugar Loaf reservation at South Deerfield. Last summer the company obtained a franchise to run a spur track from its main line at the south end of the mountain to the reservation bounds, and if a location is granted may extend the track already built still further. The petition asks for permission to run a line to the summit, in case the railroad company should decide to construct it.

Mount Hermon School

The winter term opens today. Yesterday was registration day. Only about 25 new students can be accepted.

A daughter, Katherine, was recently born to the wife of Dr. A. W. Atwood of Worcester, formerly resident physician here.

From the numerous applicants for the Glee Club, the following men were chosen: First Tenors: Edw. L. McInyre, G. W. Cook, J. C. Healey, R. J. Sanford. Second Tenors: A. A. Collinge, R. P. Hains, Jr., G. H. Duncombe, Jr., A. C. Merrill, R. C. Doremus, F. H. Swift. First Basses: Professor Spessard, M. F. Yates, B. Bowman, H. H. Upton, G. R. Brunjes, J. B. Matthews. Second Basses: H. C. Vanderbeek, W. E. Armstrong, G. C. Haskins, B. J. Beckwith, W. Martin, J. H. Griffin.

For a number of years past the joint Christmas gatherings of the Northfield Seminary and Mount Hermon students have been held at the Hotel Northfield. This year, however, it was decided to return to the old custom, in vogue at the time of D. L. Moody, of inviting the girls over to Mount Hermon for the afternoon and evening. Jerome Burt, 1911, was chairman of the committee of arrangements. The girls arrived at 2 o'clock, and were received at Cottage 2 by Miss Miller. The bright log fire in the parlor which welcomed them was much appreciated after their long drive. Having been introduced, they were escorted to the chapel, where they enjoyed the Christmas entertainment of the church Sunday school. Santa Claus was present and remembered each one with a token. At 4.30 in West Hall, which was attractively decorated with evergreens, a turkey dinner was served. Plates were laid for 130. Before adjourning there was a grand march around the dining-room. The honorary guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Moody, Mrs. Chas. T. Candee of New Haven, Conn., and Mr. Candee of Springfield. In the early part of the evening an impromptu program was

rendered in the chapel consisting of a piano solo by Mr. Duncombe, vocal solo by Mr. Zamora, recitations by Misses Jensen and Duland, Messrs. Healey and Dick. Mr. Jenkins gave several selections on the trombone. At the conclusion those who wished to enjoy skating went to Shadow Lake, the others adjourned to Cottage 2, where games were played.

FOOLING POOR OLD GRANDMOTHER.

Dotty Dimple had been the petted family cat for eleven years, and was now in the enjoyment of a dignified position and what should have been a serene old age. These honors were gladly conceded to her by every member of the household except a graceless grandson of hers named Bob. Bob had been, from the basket, a rebel and an outlaw, and he looked like one. His one eye was clever and malevolent, and his general demeanor was a combination of mischief and sanctimonious pretension, and so unsavory was his reputation that all unattached misdemeanors were promptly laid to "that rascal Bob."

In spite of his many black deeds his cleverness won him many admirers, and he swung through his career with a reckless disregard of the disapproval of his relatives, human and feline. His depravity had, during the six months preceding this story, taken the form of teasing his grandmother, and so pertinacious had his persecution become that the usually amiable Dotty had on several occasions fallen upon him with a ferocity seldom seen in her placid existence.

One particularly obnoxious insult was to take a running jump over her back as she was pursuing a stately promenade, a proceeding that would have cost him his life had he been less nimble. He would make the flying leap with a "whoop-la" air, and then rush for a distant fence, where he would sit grinning with delight at the fury of Dotty.

Matters had gone on from bad to worse until the atmosphere was charged with the smell of battle all the time. To preserve peace, Bob had been retired from the house life almost entirely, but on this occasion vigilance slept, and in the afternoon he sauntered into the kitchen with mischief in his eye. His grandmother was in her favorite chair, sleeping the sleep of old age. Her head had fallen over the edge of the chair, her mouth was slightly open, she was snoring, and she was dead with sleep.

Bob sat and surveyed her for some time with his bad-boy air. Then he rose, very stealthily worked his way over to the chair, and raising himself high enough to bring his mouth close to her ear, yelled a blood-curdling "miau" into it, and retreated precipitately toward the door, where he watched developments.

The crack of doom could have done no more for poor Dotty. She flew up bodily off the chair, spitting, screaming, and clawing at the cushions in a frenzy of fright.

At last, panting, exhausted and wide-awake, she caught sight of her tormentor, who immediately fled the scene, and saved his skin only by reaching a fence which was beyond her enfeebled powers.

The truth of this story is asserted by one who witnessed the whole episode. After this prank Bob became an exile from home until his grandmother was gathered to her forebears. —Youth's Companion.

Teeth For the Villain.

The two sets of false teeth looked just alike, but one set cost \$10 more than the other.

"There is a lot of extra work on those expensive teeth," said the dentist. "They are made for an actor who always plays the part of heavy villain in melodrama, and he has to have teeth that he can hiss with. I experimented on three different sets of teeth before I got the combination. Somehow, the nice, even teeth that I usually turn out wouldn't permit the sibilant 'ss-sses' that he deals in to escape with sufficient venom. You wouldn't believe how much tinkering it takes to lick teeth into shape for the 'deaths' and 'od's bloods' to sound just right. Of all the people I ever made teeth for, the heavy stage villain is the hardest to fit." —New York Times.

Value of Rural Beauty.

Street railway companies in Massachusetts have offered to aid the state in its battle against forest fires. The state has accepted the offer and general orders have gone forth to many of the railway superintendents to begin the work of co-operation at once on a well planned system. This move on the part of the railway companies places a commercial value on rural scenes. It is to protect scenery because it attracts the people and creates traffic for the companies. —New England Magazine.

A ton of water contains 224 gallons.



SORT ALL PRODUCTS.

Carefully sort over all products of the orchard and garden which are to be stored for winter use and take out all imperfect and damaged products and let these be used first. If stored away with the others they will only cause the spread of disease and loss. —Farmers' Home Journal.

POTATOES.

The highest standard of potato culture exists in Maine. Aroostook is the largest potato-growing county in the United States, 18,000,000 bushels being grown there in one season, with an average yield of 275 bushels to the acre. The climate of Aroostook County is cold, with a short growing season. The soil in general is a friable loam, containing a good many loose, small stones. The upland, formerly covered with beech and maple forests, is the most suitable for potato growing, for it is naturally well drained. The rainfall is heavy, and the drier seasons are the most prosperous ones for the potato growers. —Farmers' Home Journal.

ELECTRICITY KILLS BORERS.

Farm Journal is authority for the statement that a New Jersey orchardist has found an effective way of destroying peach-tree borers with electricity. Whether any other variety than "Jersey lightning" would prove effective is not stated.

The story of the Jersey man is as follows:

"Mr. Palmer noted that lightning which had followed a rift or seam in a tree had destroyed innumerable borers, and this tree at once showed thrifty growth. His plum trees were badly infested with borers. He has a household medical battery in his home, and decided to follow nature's example on his plum trees and watch the effect. After a heavy rain he cut off a branch to give a clean section full of sap. He applied the battery, placing one terminal at the end of the cut-off branch and the other at the base of the tree, and turned on the current. Investigation showed, 'tis claimed, that he had killed every borer with which the tree was infested."

SAN JOSE SCALE.

The writer was called to visit a very fine fruit orchard a short time ago, one that had been well sprayed, but not for scale, and upon a number of Duchess apples we found the trees and fruit literally covered with scale. As the owner had never seen the scale he was badly frightened and wanted to cut out the trees and burn them for the protection of the balance of the orchard. We advised against it and had him get a barrel of concentrated solution of lime and sulphur, and dilute one to forty and apply, which he did with the result that he has destroyed the scale, but to make the assurance doubly sure he is removing the infested trees and those adjoining another spraying, and proposes when the leaves fall to give a third spraying which will undoubtedly entirely destroy the pests. Cutting the infested trees out is a costly and useless policy; treatment is the only way to control orchard diseases and pests and the lime sulphur solutions are the best all around spraying compounds to use. —National Fruit Grower.

MODEL GARDEN VILLAGES.

Germany has started to make garden cities, one Berlin society having acquired a large plot of land on the northern outskirts of the city for the construction, under the name of Frohau, of the finest real garden city of the capital.

This city will be built in a picturesque hilly part of the State forest, will have its own railway station, and will be laid out regardless of cost as regards external adornment.

From all parts of Germany reports show that the idea has taken a firm hold on the people, the feature most insisted upon being the abandonment of the flat house and the substitution of the small house and villa on the English model.

In Bavaria, where there is always a shortage of houses, the Government will transfer for garden purposes parts of the State forests in the vicinity of large towns. Garden cities are either built or projected at Dresden, Nurnberg, Modeburg and Karlsruhe. At Modeburg houses with large gardens for single families will soon be rentable for about 160 a year American money. It is to be hoped that this country will soon undertake the same kind of development. —Vogue.

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Roman Taxicabs.

Taxicabs, excepting the motive power are not nearly so new as most people think. The Chinese some half a dozen centuries ago had a cart with an attachment that measured the long miles the panting coolies covered, and it may have been a common thing for a Roman youth to spring into a "taxi," direct "To the baths!" and then pay at so much a mile for the ride.

It is recorded that Emperor Pertinax in order to procure money for a donation to the pretorian guard, sold, at a great auction lasting nine days, the magnificent garments, furniture, jewels, curiosities and works of art with which Commodus had filled the palace. In an inventory of the things sold during the auction there is the following item:

"Carriages, which had contrivances to measure the distance over which they were driven, and to count the hours spent in the journey."

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the invention of the "chariot way-winner" is given in modern history to some member of the Royal Society, and the date fixed at 1662.—Boston Post.

While the area conceded to the thirteen original states by the peace treaty of 1783 was 828,000 square miles, their present area is but 326,000 square miles, the other 502,000 square miles forming in whole or in part 13 other states.

FASHIONS OF THE DAY

New York City.—The blouse that is made with a chemisette always means the effect of daintiness. This one is novel, is closed at the front, and is practical as well as smart. There are



Just enough tucks at the shoulders to mean becoming fullness, and the closing is made with two of the big buttons that make a favorite feature. The sleeves are pretty, too, finished with rolled-over cuffs. In this case one of the new bengaline silks is combined with chemisette of moire veours, but any material that can be used for separate waists and for simple gowns is appropriate for the blouse, with the chemisette made of contrasting silk, all-over lace, or net or of lingerie material.

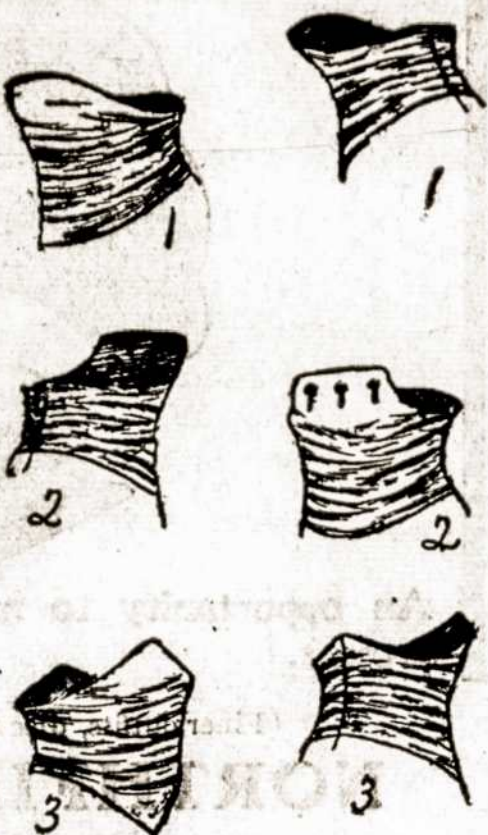
The waist is made with a fitted lining, which can be used or omitted as liked, and consists of fronts and back with the chemisette. The chemisette is finished with hems and closed at the centre front, but the blouse is lapped well over to the left side. The sleeves are tucked at the wrists to fit snugly and are finished with cuffs. The stock is a simple one, made with the turned-over portion that is always pretty.

Fancy Girdles.

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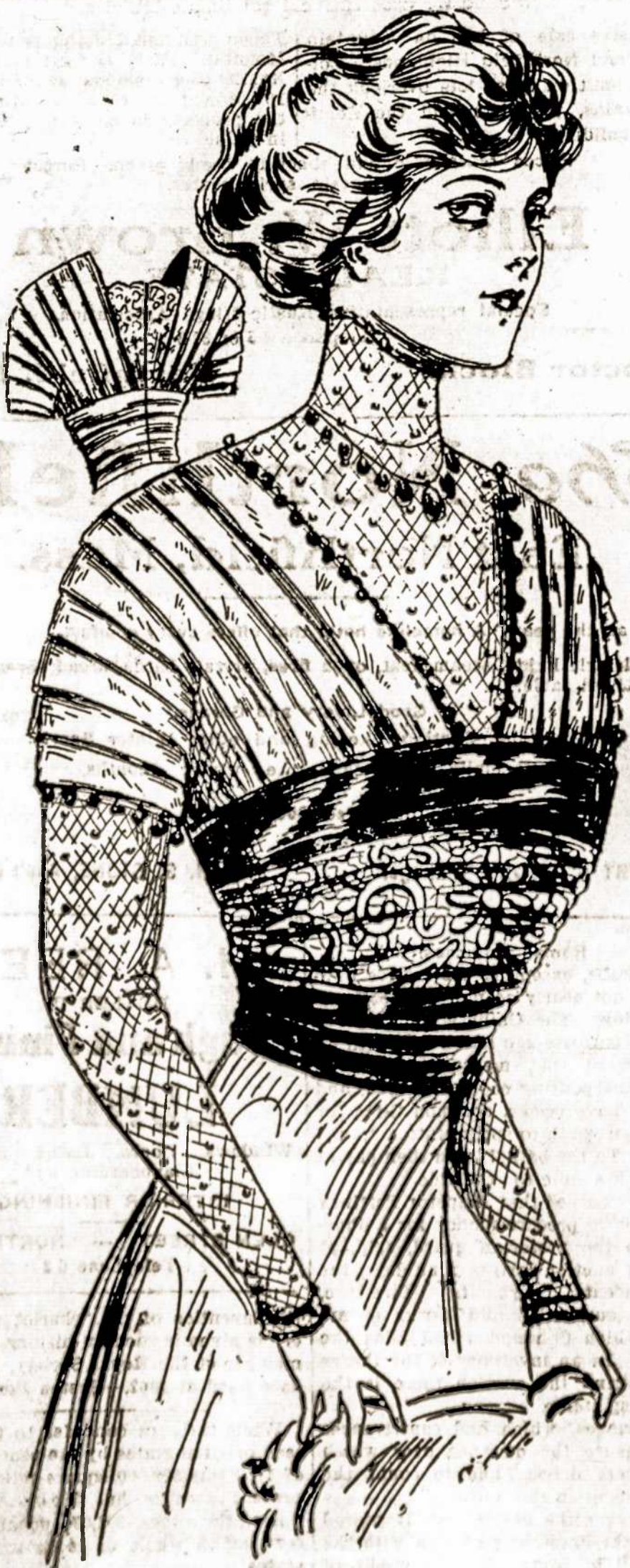
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NOTES FROM WASHINGTON

(Special Correspondence.)

A Lively Investigation.—Sturdy partisans of both R. A. Ballinger, Secretary of the Interior, and Gifford Pinchot, forester, promise that the investigation of their troubles, for which the senate laid the foundation last week, will be the liveliest thing of the session. With President Taft no longer opposing the adjustment of the estrangement in his official family, congress was quick to start the machinery for the lifting of the lid.

More Pension Legislation.—A determined effort will be made after the holidays to secure a favorable report from the house committee on pensions on one of the numerous bills providing for a pension of \$1 a day to all veterans of the Civil war who received honorable discharge from the military service. It is said that some New England members are supporting the bills, many of which originated in the west. Supporters of this legislation are interested to know what Representative Sulloway, chairman of the committee on invalid pensions, and one of the strongest friends the old soldiers have in congress, thinks of the bill.

Constitution Defective.—A declaration that the constitution of the United States was unsuited in part to the needs of the present generation was made by Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry, at a recent meeting here of the Secular league. The defect to which he pointed in particular was the provision which, he said, rendered partially inoperative the pure food law and compelled the government to confine its supervision of the food-packing industry to articles intended for interstate commerce, leaving it no jurisdiction over food, however impure, made or sold within the borders of a state.

Vigorous Opposition.—There will be a very vigorous minority report by four Democratic members of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce on the Mann white slave bill, which has been favorably acted upon by a majority of that committee. The minority report, which will be written by Representative Richardson of Alabama, will assert that the whole matter is one to be handled by the immigration committee; that the interstate commerce committee has no jurisdiction whatever, and that the Mann bill, which aims at the suppression of the traffic by means of regulation of interstate commerce, is unconstitutional and a gross violation of the right of states to regulate the morals of their own inhabitants.

House Making Good Progress.—Far better progress is being made with legislation in the house than was anticipated. Since the house convened on



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Dec. 6 a total of 1806 house bills, 188 house resolutions, 95 house joint resolutions and 26 concurrent resolutions have been introduced. Two measures for railroad regulation, bearing the name of Representative Esch of Wisconsin, have passed the house, and two omnibus pension bills carrying a total of 1487 claims have also passed. Two important pieces of legislation are now pending, the District of Columbia appropriation bill, and the Panama canal government reorganization measure. The army appropriation bill, carrying upward of \$100,000,000, is out of the military committee.

Immigration Investigation Concluded.—The immigration commission has finished its investigation of the immigration question, according to Senator Dillingham of Vermont, its chairman, and in the offices of the commission there is a great mass of material for a number of important reports which will be published by July 1, if congress appropriates the necessary money. The life of the commission expires by law in March, and its members say they do not seek authority for continuing the work, except so far as is necessary to compile data already gathered and publish the reports. The commission plans to make a series of reports that will be fully as important as the reports already published on the white slave traffic and the steerage immigrants.

His Delicacy.

Elsie's Mother (anxiously, as Elsie comes upstairs at 12.10 p. m.)—Has Mr. Longmore said anything, Elsie? Elsie—Not yet, mamma. Elsie's Mother (a little impatiently)—What can be the matter with the man? Do you think he is afraid to propose? Elsie—Oh, no, mamma, he isn't afraid; but our house is so small that I think he feels a little delicate about asking to come here to live.—Boston Post.



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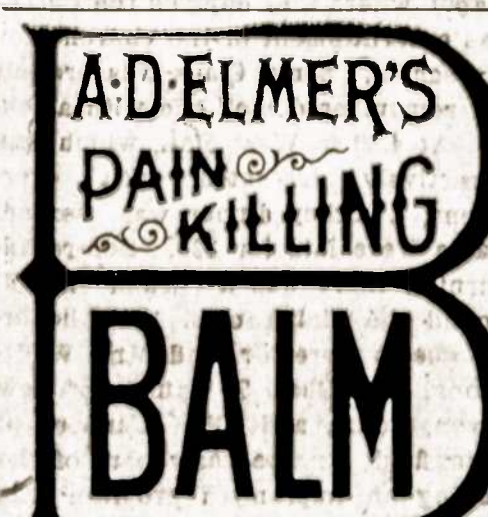
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It makes a man feel curious; it makes the tear-drops start,
An' you sort o' feel a flutter in the region of the heart.
You can't look up an' meet his eyes; you don't know what to say,
When his hand is on your shoulder in a friendly sort o' way.

O, the world's a curious compound, with its honey an' its gall,
With its cares an' bitter crosses; but a good world, after all.
An' a good God must have made it—leastways, that's what I say
When a hand rests on my shoulder in a friendly sort o' way.
—James Whitcomb Riley.

OLD BARCLAY.

The Football Coach and "Freddy" Were Quits, But Not Quitters.

W. R. Rose, in Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The train halted at the little station and a score of passengers alighted from a Pullman coach. It was the annual Thanksgiving homecoming.

Most of the passengers were met by eager friends and hurried to various vehicles, and in a few moments they all had departed save a young man and a girl.

The girl had come to the station as a committee of one on reception, and the young man was waiting to be called for.

He looked about expectantly, a tall and slender young man, clean shaven, a trifle pale and extremely neat and unobtrusive in dress.

He caught sight of the girl and looked away, but the girl after a moment's hesitation approached him. "Pardon me," she said, "but I think it quite possible that you are one of Robert Norton's guests?"

The young man had taken off his hat at the first words.

"Thank you," he said, a little diffidently. "I am Mr. Norton's guest." He looked around. "I understood that Mr. Norton's brother would be at the station to meet me."

"I beg your pardon, but did you say his brother?"

"Yes. His brother Freddy."

The girl gave him a quick glance. "Freddy is rather unreliable," she said.

The young man suddenly smiled. "That's just what Bob said—I mean Mr. Norton."

The girl gave a little gasp.

"It's a pity that Freddy isn't here to defend his reputation," she said.

"It's a pity that Freddy isn't here to show me where to go," the young man remarked. "I understand the Norton home is some distance from the station?"

The girl suddenly smiled.

"Will you permit me to show you the way?" she asked.

He suddenly flushed.

"That would be an imposition," he said.

"No," said the girl. "I am going that way. The Nortons are old acquaintances of mine. They would be pleased to have me assist you—in the absence of the unreliable Freddy."

"You are very kind," said the young man.

"This way, please."

She led him behind the station to where a neat runabout and a handsome black horse stood.

The young man hesitated a moment, then put his bag in the box behind the seat and a moment later was seated by the girl, and they were on their way along the smooth country road.

"If you don't mind my saying it," the young man presently remarked, "I am glad that Freddy didn't come."

The girl smiled and the young man thought it a very pleasant smile.

"Is that meant for a compliment?" she demurely asked.

The young man was a little confused.

"It was meant to impress you with my extreme truthfulness," he said.

The girl smiled again.

"Do you know," she said, "that I am rather glad it is you instead of that bulky Mr. Barclay?"

"Barclay?" he echoed.

"Yes, Mr. Richard Barclay. He was to be Robert's other guest. Didn't you know it?"

The young man suddenly laughed.

"I believe Bob said something about it."

"Of course. Do you know Mr. Barclay?"

"I have met him."

"Do you like him?"

"Fairly well."

"Robert just dotes on him—I can't understand the doting. Can you?"

"No."

"He's so big and homely, you know. And his voice is really horrible."

The young man smiled.

"You have seen him, then?"

"Yes, at a distance. The—the Nortons took me with them to the great football game last Saturday, and Dick Barclay was the head coach for the varsity eleven that Robert plays on. I saw him running up and

down in front of the seats—and I heard him, oh, dear."

He looked around at her.

"Not prepossessing, eh?"

"Well, no. He had on the most dreadful clothes, and a yellow and blue sweater, and a shocking cap, and his face was smudged, and his hair was wild—and in those awful clothes he looked as big as a mountain."

The stranger suddenly laughed.

"I'm afraid he didn't really care how he looked."

"Oh, yes he did," cried the girl, "because when Robert tried to drag him over to meet us he wouldn't come. Robert said he was shy. That was too funny."

And she laughed merrily.

"It does seem funny," said the man.

"He wouldn't even look around at us."

"How very shy," murmured the young man. "And you are glad he isn't here?"

"I'm glad on the runabout's account. He must be dreadfully trying to the springs."

The idea seemed to strike the young man as highly amusing.

"I saw that game," he said.

"Oh, did you? That's funny. I had just made up my mind that you wouldn't care at all for football."

"I like it."

"Then you saw Mr. Barclay?"

"Yes. And you have painted him a bit too black."

The girl laughed.

"Not black—just smudged."

And they both laughed together.

"Poor Barclay," sighed the young man.

The girl's expression changed.

"I'm ashamed," she cried. "It isn't a bit nice for me to sit here and say such unkind things. And you encouraged me."

"But you haven't said anything that was intended to hurt. I'm sure of that," said the young man. "I'm pretty sure, too, that Dick Barclay looked quite as bad as you have described him. To my mind he appeared like an uncouth ruffian."

A red spot suddenly burned in each of the girl's round cheeks. She touched the black horse with the whip.

"That won't do, Mr. Herrick," she said. "I don't like it. Mr. Barclay may be uncouth, but I am sure he isn't a ruffian. He has quite a fine business in New York, he's an architect and has done some notable things—and he has been so kind to Robert. It was Robert's dearest wish, you know, to play on the varsity eleven. And for a time it looked as if he might—and then he fell down in his play, and the whole team slumped, and it looked as if Robert would surely be left out. And then they got scared and begged Mr. Barclay to come up and help them, and he gave up his business and came and helped get the team in shape—he was the greatest of fullbacks for two years, I suppose you know. And he took a special fancy to Robert and coached him privately and taught him many things. And you know the result—Robert made the touchdown that won the game, and he says it was old Barclay's work."

"Old Barclay?"

"It seems that's what they call him at the varsity. Of course he isn't so very old—not more than twenty-eight, I fancy—but dreadfully large for his age. Oh, dear, there I go again."

The young man suddenly laughed.

"I'm afraid," he said, "that this man Barclay's generous proportions may overshadow the full enjoyment of the Thanksgiving feast. And that seems a pity."

The girl gave him a quick glance.

"Why, Mr. Herrick," she said. "You are not jealous, are you?"

He laughed again. He seemed much nicer as his shyness wore off.

"Not exactly," he said. "But really now, can't we talk about something else?"

The road wound down into the valley. The girl drove with a practiced hand. She was a handsome girl, straight and trim. The young man stole an admiring look at her.

"Would you mind explaining your presence at the station?" he presently asked. "It seemed quite miraculous, you know."

"It is easily explained," she replied.

"Go on, please."

"I told you I was intimate with the Norton household. I knew that Robert had invited two friends to eat Thanksgiving dinner there. I even knew their names—Mr. Herrick and Mr. Barclay. Well, yesterday afternoon Robert sent a telegram from Thomaston, where he is looking after some business matters, saying that only one friend could come, and asking that—that Freddy be sent over to meet him."

"Freddy."

"Yes, Freddy, the unreliable. And being unreliable, he couldn't be expected to come, could he?"

"Evidently not."

"Well, Robert's mother didn't hesitate to call on me, and so I harnessed Prince here and started. Simple enough, isn't it?"

"Delightfully simple. What else?"

"Nothing except that I recognized you at once."

"As Edward Herrick?"

"Of course."

"While I was looking around for Freddy?"

"Yes."

"That was very good of you." He nodded with a pleasant smile.

"Freddy seems to need a little disciplining."

"Does he?"

"Yes. I've heard Bob say that Freddy was always ready for mischief."

"What else did Robert say?"

"He said Freddy was spoiled by the whole family. How old is he?"

"Who, Robert?"

"No, Freddy."

"Freddy is about—well, about 20."

"Not going to college, eh?"

"No, private school."

"I'm afraid that's a mistake," he said. "College would have disciplined the youngster and brought him in contact with young men of his age and made a man of him."

"Think of that!" murmured the girl.

"I'm afraid you are prejudiced against the lad," said the stranger.

"You are so capable, so independent, so vigorous yourself that you cannot tolerate the boy's rather effeminate ways. Isn't that it?"

The girl shook her head.

"Freddy isn't really so very bad, you know," she told him.

"Of course he isn't," the young man hastily remarked. "He comes of fine stock. His trouble may be simply lack of proper training. I've no doubt at all that Freddy is very lovable."

The girl suddenly chirruped to the black horse.

"Freddy never seemed lovable to me," she said.

"And yet Robert spoke of the boy in the most affectionate way," the young man went on. "I remember that he once showed me a velvet-lined box with some especially nice perfume in a cut glass bottle and he said it was for Freddy?"

He looked at the girl and shook his head.

"Silly, wasn't it?" she said.

"Rather. I meant to talk to Bob about it, but didn't get the chance."

The girl checked the eager horse a little—they were going the rise from the shallow valley.

"That's a pity," she said. "I am quite sure Robert would have heeded your advice—he has a very high regard for your intelligence."

The man looked at the firm hands that held the reins.

"It is strange," he said, "how we fall into the habit of making pictures of things we have never seen—mental pictures, of course. I am making a mental picture of the spoiled Freddy at this very moment."

The girl threw a quick glance at him.

"It is a very harmless game," she said. "Let me hear what you make of the spoiled child."

He shook his head. His expression changed.

"No," he said, "that isn't right. Let us talk of something else. I shouldn't have mentioned the boy at all if it hadn't been for the debt of gratitude I owe him for staying away from the station."

The girl laughed merrily.

"And how do you know that Freddy didn't stay away purposely just to give you a chance to say such nice things?"

He laughed with her.

"Come," he said, "we will dismiss Freddy with just a small suggestion. I am going to recommend to Robert that the boy be placed in the hands of Old Barclay for a little while."

The girl started.

"Good gracious!" she gasped.

"Oh, I'm sure Dick would be careful. He's used to boys. He likes them. He likes to discipline them, too. I know Old Barclay pretty well, you can trust him."

The girl gasped again.

"That smudgy giant! How dreadful!"

"Not at all dreadful," he corrected her. "Old Barclay wouldn't try to make a football player out of the boy, but I really believe he would add to his manliness." He looked around at the girl. "What do you think of it?" he asked.

The girl shook her head until her hat was loosened.

"It is absolutely out of the question," she declared. "Don't ever mention such an absurd idea again."

And she shook her head until the much harassed hat was back in place.

"I'm sorry I made the suggestion," he contritely declared. "I didn't suppose you could be so prejudiced against Barclay—poor Old Barclay."

"Well, I am," she declared, "and you haven't made my prejudice any milder." She suddenly turned the horse. "This is the Norton place," she said, and drew in the black horse.

"I am under obligations to you," said the stranger, "and while I am not sure that our informal acquaintance justifies it, I would like to know your name."

The girl gave a sudden start.

"Why, there's the touring car!" she said. "Robert must have come over sooner than he expected."

And a moment later Robert justified this belief by darting out of the house and leaping at his guest.

"Welcome!" he roared as he grasped the visitor by the arms and firmly shook him. "Here," he cried to the girl, "you take old Barclay into the house, Freddy, and introduce him to the mater. I'll put away the horse."

As he drove toward the stable the girl and the man looked at each other.

"Are—are you Freddy?" he faintly stammered.

"I am Frederica Norton."

He gave a dismal gasp.

"Did—did Robert call you Old Barclay?" she chokingly asked.

He slowly nodded.

"Yes," he answered. "I'm Old Barclay, the Barclay of the smudge and the unspeakable sweater, Dick Barclay, the clumsy coach, the awkward, gross, overgrown Barclay."

Her mouth twitched.

"Hush," she said. "Robert is coming. Not a word of this."

Her face was flushed as she put out her hand.

"Quits," she softly said.

"But not quitters," he hastily added.

And they were laughing merrily when Robert came up.

SCIENCE & MECHANICS

Work on the last section of the Jungfrau railway has progressed so well during the recent summer that it will probably be opened next year from Elmsere to Jungfrau Joch. A station at the former place has been hewn out of the solid rock at an altitude of 3153 meters, capable of accommodating 200 persons.

Dr. Charles Fabry, of the French Academy of Sciences, announces that careful measurements of the light of the star Vega, one of the brightest in the heavens, when it is seen near the zenith in calm weather, show that it is equal to that of a standard candle burning at a distance of twenty-five hundred feet from the eye.

Buenos Ayres, the name of which suggests palm trees and sunshine and the transaction of business with subtropical leisurely haste, is getting sufficiently busy to demand subways. A bill is pending in the Argentine Legislature to authorize the construction of underground electric railways operating in connection with existing surface lines.

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My voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee, and will look up.—Psalm 5:3.

The harder the day before me, the more earnest my prayer should be.

JANUARY 2.

Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?—1 John 5:5.

Unbroken faith means uninterrupted victory.

JANUARY 3.

Lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.—2 Corinthians 12:7.

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EAST NORTHFIELD

Mrs. Houghton is in Boston. The Seminary reopens next Wednesday, January 5th.

Miss Julia Hursperger is paying Mrs. A. G. Moody a 2-weeks' visit.

Howard Mann, who works in the Wood Pharmacy, is absent on a short vacation.

Miss Anna Day has been entertaining Misses Bertha and Mildred Smith of Amherst.

Miss E. Jean Greenough of Deerfield, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Caldwell.

Chas. R. Robbins is spending a week's vacation with his mother in Burlington, Vt.

Deacon Edward Barber's condition has given his family grave concern for a week past.

The Seminary girls at Moore cottage entertained about 50 Hermonites on Tuesday evening.

Frances Woodard and family and sister Cynthia, were Christmas guests at Joseph Woodard's.

Paul Cook, son of Rev. S. P. Cook, formerly pastor here, is now a student at Williams College.

Miss Jessamine Warwick of Brockport, N. Y., is spending the vacation with Mrs. Crane Stebbins.

Send in your news by phone or letter to the **PRESS** office. That is the surest way to get it straight.

Arthur Blaikie, who is attending Clark Institute at Northampton, is spending his vacation here, boarding at E. F. Howard's.

Among the young people home for Christmas were Dr. and Mrs. Richard Smith, Herbert Chutter, Arthur Peck, Mrs. John Rawles.

J. E. Lyman, with his sisters, Minnie and Violet, are spending the holidays with their sister, Mrs. H. W. Bonney, at Ithaca, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Roberts and Ruth, left yesterday for a 10-day trip in Canada. They expect to visit Montreal, Quebec and Ottawa.

Miss Lena S. Nelson, telegraph operator at the East Northfield post-office, spent the Christmas vacation at her home in Middletown, Conn.

Rev. and Mrs. Lewis Chafer were in town over night last week, on their way to spend Christmas with their relatives in Westminster West, Vt.

Lawrence Lazelle, who is home from Springfield recovering from an attack of appendicitis, is much better. He expects to remain here through the holiday season.

The Young People's Society at the church had a business meeting and social last Tuesday night. They decided to do sewing for needy families. Chafing dish refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. George Franklin of East Jamaica, Vt.; Robert McLean of Watertown, Conn.; and Miss Grace Wales of Northfield Seminary, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McLean over Christmas.

Mrs. Crane Stebbins entertained the following members of her family at Christmas: Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Gates and son of Orange, Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Crane and son of Watertown, Conn.; and Miss Ruth Crane of Orange. On Saturday evening 25 had a pleasant time around the tree.

Rev. N. Fay Smith and Mr. Roberts took baskets containing food, clothing and money to six families, where they will be appreciated, as a result of the gifts received at the North Sunday school Christmas exercises. A barrel of goods, a box of apples and \$8.00 in money were also sent to the Boston Flower Mission.

J. E. Nye attended a banquet of "The Fat Men's Club" at Wells River, Vt., last Friday evening. Several years ago this order was started by seven men. Now they have a large membership from all over New England, and their banquets are held in the old tavern at Wells River, where the order originated. Mr. Nye reports never having enjoyed himself more.

There was a fire at the parish house last week, which was extinguished before much damage was done. It was started by Mrs. W. H. Brown's two-year-old, who got the safety match box off the shelf and amused himself in a closet where a mattress was stored, and some clothes. Fortunately the child was unhurt. The alarm brought speedy help, and the use of chemicals put the fire out before the fire department hose arrived.

A fuel-testing plant is being established by the Canadian government for investigating the natural fuel supplies of the Dominion. As peat occurs in immense quantities in both Ontario and Quebec an attempt is to be made to discover a method of using it successfully in gas producers.

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS



A PLACE FOR THE CHILDREN.

A room for the children, and the children kept in it at proper times, is the great need of the average American family, an English woman writes in *Good Housekeeping*. Only the very rich have nurseries in America, she finds. Other people seem to think that children ought to own the whole house and scatter their toys in every one's path. A suggestion of a nursery is treated as an invasion of the children's rights, whereas, such a room, from the English standpoint, is the first essential of freedom. In a nursery the children can amuse themselves in their own way without making themselves a nuisance to their elders.—*New York Tribune*.

THE PRETTIEST FAD.

Flower luncheons are in order now and a wealth of bloom is easily obtainable as decorations for the table and the rooms. Wild flowers from the woods may be had for the plucking and the simplest of these wild blossoms will be surprisingly beautiful if care is used in their arrangement. A definite color scheme must be decided upon and everything must be in harmony with it—even to the color of the dishes in which the luncheon is served. For example, one can give what may be called a daffodil luncheon. Use a table cover of yellow satin in daffodil tint, with a centerpiece and border of lace. The flowers themselves should be placed on the table in a tall vase and the china used should be gilt-edged or even plain white. The napkins may be folded in the forms of cones and filled with a small bunch of daffodils.

If your dining room is green a combination of white and yellow, or pink, is suitable, while ferns or anything green may be depended upon to harmonize with any floral colors. Placecards should be of water color paper decorated with the flower one has chosen as the color scheme. The flowers for the places may be of different kinds, provided they harmonize with the general color scheme. It is frequently advisable to make this choice according to the individual floral preference of each guest, if you happen to know them. At this season of the year there is nothing more appetizing than a flower decorated table, and a profusion of them will secure the success of your luncheon.—*New Haven Register*.

BREADBOX POSSIBILITIES

The breadbox is one of the ever-present problems with the housekeeper. While the average woman knows that waste accompanies the purchase of too much bread, she realizes the necessity for a constant fresh supply if those dependent upon her are to be kept cheerful at meal time. Most women do not, however, understand the "possibilities" of the breadbox as an "emergency shelf." There may be made from half-hardened bread many substantial dishes and an equal number of delicacies.

"Given some stale bread, a rolling pin and an oven," said one expert housekeeper and cook, "and I can spread you a table full of dainties."

The rapid cook who is always ready for the fray will keep her stale pieces of bread in a clean bag made of heavy linen. The breadbox is not their proper place, because they interfere with the pleasant taste of the fresher loaves and because the same bread kept in a closed receptacle will invariably mold. This habit of rolling the stale bread into crumbs ready to use at least once a week is only a decent precaution against the hurried meal and the unexpected guest. These crumbs should be kept in a closed fruit jar, and should be turned out into an open pan at least every two weeks and dried in the oven, or they will collect a dampness.

The cakebox comes under the same head, and is just as insistent in its demand for frequent recognition. Cake crumbs, too, are a valuable addition to the emergency store. They may be made into many delicious boiled and steamed puddings.—*New York Press*.

In The Kitchen.

Rice Salad—To two cupsful of cold boiled rice take one cupful of finely-sliced deep red beets, and one cupful of chopped or cut celery. Do not mix together until just before serving, then combine with a French dressing, and serve in cups made of blanched lettuce leaves.

Raisin Pie—Take a package of seeded raisins and put them into a stew pan. Cover them with hot water, let them boil for half an hour, then thicken with two heaping table-spoons of cornstarch, then remove from the fire and beat up one egg and stir into the mixture. You can omit the egg. Then make a pie crust as for any other pie and fill as full as a mince pie.

NORTHFIELD FARRIS.

Miss Bessie Hammond is home from Leominster.

Adella Howes is home from her work at Smith's College for a week.

Gertrude Howes has finished her work at the Brattleboro Retreat, but will return to Brattleboro after spending a week with her parents.

Mrs. Walter Bancroft returned to Cambridge after spending Christmas with her parents.

George Nadeau spent Christmas with his mother in Worcester.

There were Christmas gatherings at Clinton Ware's, Lincoln Hammond's, Frank Ross' and A. W. Ward's.

Mr. Hoisington from Hartland, Vt., has been visiting his sister, Mrs. E. Hart.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hart spent Christmas with her parents in Orange.

Mrs. C. W. Paine and daughter Ruth, from Providence, R. I., are spending a week with her brother, C. A. Parker, and sister, Mrs. Cora Adams.

Mrs. Ida Howes fell on the ice, hurting her back and spine badly.

BOYS' BRIGADE.

Drill next Friday, January 7, as usual, with Major Gilmore in charge.

The lecture on "Aerial Navigation" by Henry Helm Clayton, originally planned for December 31, has been postponed till January 21.

Friends in Brattleboro are endeavoring to arrange an evening for an exhibition drill and indoor sports for some date in January.

The following promotions have been made in the brigade: Carl Holton, 2nd Lieutenant to 1st lieutenant; Harold Magrath, 1st sergeant to 2nd lieutenant; Carl Newton, 2nd sergeant to 1st sergeant; Willie Dalton, corporal to 2nd sergeant.

Another Version.

A local physician who acts as examiner for an accident insurance company said that he has to be watchful in order to keep the companies he represents from being stung on accident claims.

"A man was in my office," he said, "who said that he had fallen from a street car. I examined his arm and, though there were a few bruises on it, it didn't appear to be badly hurt."

"How high can you raise it?" I continued and he answered by raising his arm, with apparent difficulty, until his hand was a few inches above his head.

"Pretty bad," I commented. "Now show me how high you could raise it before this accident happened."

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